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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA DELIVERS FIRST PART OF MAJOR SPEECH

1. PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA DELIVERED A 20 MINUTE INTRODUCTION TO WHAT PROMISES TO BE A FIVE-HOUR SPEECH ON NATIONAL RADIO BROADCAST AUGUST 26. ACCORDING TO PRESS, SPEECH RUNS 130 PAGES AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE BROADCAST IN SEGMENTS FOR NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.

2. RATSIRAKA'S LONG, HEAVILY IDEOLOGICAL INTRODUCTION EXTOLLED VIRTUES OF REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALISM, WAS SHARPLY ANTI-IMPERIALIST AND WAS STEEPED IN RHETORIC TYPICAL OF RADICAL NON-ALIGNED. SPECIFICS WERE LIMITED TO HISTORY OF RECENT MALAGASY FOREIGN POLICY MOVES THAT UNDERLINED "OPENING TO EAST" AND WORLD-WIDE SUPPORT FOR REVOLUTIONARY CAUSES. NASA CLOSURE WAS CITED AS EXAMPLE OF STEP WITHIN ECONTEXT OF GOMR'S PROGRAM OF REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALISM. "DEFEAT OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM IN SOUTHEAST ASIA" WAS CITED AS EXAMPLE OF GROWING STRENGTH OF PROGRESSIVE STATES. GOMR SUPPORT FOR INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE WAS REPEATED TOGETHER WITH DEMAND FOR "DISMANTLING OF ANGLO-AMERICAN BASE OF DIEGO-GARCIA."

3. EMBASSY PLANS TO FORWARD DETAILED COMMENTS BY AIRGRAM WHEN MARATHON SPEECH CONCLUDED. HIGHLIGHTS WILL BE REPORTED
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